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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.  
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H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.  
Hon. W. KEWICK.

#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

#### MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWE CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

#### T. JACKSON,

##### Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per annum.  
" 6 " " 4% " "  
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

#### D. A. J. CROMBIE,

##### Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.  
Bankers.

#### THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

#### THE CITY BANK.

#### THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking at a Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

#### ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 5 " " "  
" 12 " 6 " " "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna, Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA-MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.

NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROUSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

## Intimations.

### NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUIT. RAISINS.

SOFT BREAD. RICE.

FRESH BEEF. SUGAR.

FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA.

WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

#### J. BRENNER,

##### Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard,  
Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe26

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 24th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. fe24

## For Sale.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.

LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.

RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.

RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.

HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.

French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

The New Patent LIFE VESTS.

PONY HARNESS, CAUSE'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS, for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS' ALLE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Bhd's, SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE

is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be Held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe16

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE

is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd, to SATURDAY, the 15th February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe16

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe20

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe20

## Entertainment.

### THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

#### THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

#### THIS EVENING,

(THURSDAY), February 13th, 1879.

#### THE ENTIRELY ORIGINAL NAUTICAL COMIC OPERA, In Two Acts,

by W. S. GILBERT and ARTHUR SULLIVAN,

Entitled:

#### H. M. S. "PINAFORE,"

OR

#### THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR.

#### DRAMATIS PERSONE.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty, Captain Corcoran, Commanding H. M. S. "Pinafore,"

Ralph Rackstraw, Able Seaman, Dick Deadeye, Able Seaman, Bill Bobsley, Boatswain, Tom Tucker, Midship-mite, Sergeant of Marines, Josephine, the Captain's Daughter, Hebe, Sir Joseph's First Cousin, Little Buttercup, a Bumboat Woman, First Lord's Sisters, his Cousins, his Aunts, Sailors, Marines, &c.,

Signor TRAEBINI, from La Scala, Milan.

Mr. Wm. PHIBBS.

Mr. TOM BOWLING.

Mr. E. EWING.

Mons. MAURICE.

Master JACK SPERRATT.

MR. SWIVELLER.

Miss KEAR.

Miss FRASER.

Mad. CHERVAU.

by MEMBERS OF THE H. K. CHORAL SOCIETY.

Conductor, Mr. C. F. A. SANGSTER.

A accompanist, Mr. F. PANIZZA.

By kind permission of Colonel Jago, and Officers of the 74th Regiment, the Band will Perform selections during the Evening.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m., Performance to Commence at 9.

TICKETS may be secured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

G. B. EMORY,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe14

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 31st Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### FOR LONDON VIA THE SUEZ CANAL

(Calling at Singapore and Colombo.)

The Steamship "GLENGLYLE,"

Capt. QUARTLEY, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe14

#### FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "MORAY,"

Captain BUTCHER, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 O'CLOCK Afternoon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1879. fe15

#### FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "ARRATOON APOAR,"

Captain A. B. MACFARLANE, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 O'CLOCK p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON



## Auctions.

## POSTPONEMENT.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## FRIDAY,

the 14th February, 1879, at Noon, at the Residence of Messrs W. FUSTAU & Co., Praya,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—  
Green Rep covered Drawing-room Suite.  
Blackwood Carved Sofas.  
Blackwood Carved Marble-top Centre Tables, Side Tables, and Tea Poya.  
Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Engravings, Mirrors, Clocks, Carpets, and Hearth-rugs.

Extension Dining Table, Sideboard, Whatnots, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glass-ware and Plated-ware.  
Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Couches, Chairs, Davenport, Glass Book-cases and Books.  
Office Desks, Shelves, Pigeon Holes, Paper Presses, Book Stands, Copying Press, Cup-boards, &c.

1 PIANO, by B. HARTER.  
1 Patent Fireproof IRON SAFE.

And,  
1 6-Oared BOAT, with Oars, Awning, &c., complete.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 10th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879. fe14

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

## SATURDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, situated on the Praya at Wanchai, now in complete working order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground situated at Wanchai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on the East side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64 A, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 86,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weinrich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weinrich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.

There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.

The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BREWSTER, Solicitor, No. 29 Queen's Road; Messrs SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th day of Feb., 1879.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of the CLUB LUTETANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

## SATURDAY,

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises,—

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 128, measuring about 6,408 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUTETANO Theatre, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT, BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. ms1

## Auctions.

## GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

## FRIDAY,

the 14th February, 1879, at Noon,—  
Waterlow's Blue and Cream Laid Letter and Note Paper, Foolscap, Blotting Paper, Envelopes.

An Invoice of Glassware, consisting of Wine Glasses, Tumblers, Decanters, etc.  
Tea Cups and Saucers, Chintz, 1 case Mouth Organs, Iron Safes, etc., etc.

Also,  
20 cases qts. De Lossy's Champagne, a good Wine.  
3 Opossum Skin Rugs, etc., etc., etc.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe14

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## ELEGANT

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. LORING, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

## TUESDAY,

the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbutnot Road,—

The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—  
English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.  
American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.  
Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.  
Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables.  
Crystal Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paintings, and Chromos.  
American Bronzes, Statuettes, and Ornaments.  
English-made Mahogany Dining-room Suite.  
English-made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table.  
American-made Oak Sideboard, Handsomely Carved.  
American-made Walnut Dining-room Chairs.  
Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, and Glassware.  
American Plated-ware.  
Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Walnut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.  
Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book Shelves, Clocks, &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD and SONS.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

## Intimations.

## TAKASHIMA COAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to Deliver the above COAL, ex Godown, in quantities to suit Purchasers.

LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible at the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1863.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order,

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
General Agent.

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the COAST PORTS that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRESS-MAKING and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

## SPANISH STEAMER LEYTE.

ENDERS are desired for the REPAIRS of the above Steamer, now in the Port of MANILA and Damaged from collision and stranding.

Such Repairs to include everything necessary to replace the Leyte in her class on Lloyd's Register, and to be made under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of Lloyd's Inspector.

Copy of Survey on the Leyte is in the hands of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

For further Particulars, apply to PEELE HUBBELL & Co., Manila.

Agents for the Leyte.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879. fe15

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FORNATE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PAICIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hermsheim.—Siemssen & Co.

HAKON ADERSTERN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

BERTHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.

S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

THINOVALLA, Danish steamer, Captain Molsen.—Meyer & Co.

ARABELLA, British barque, Captain Thos. Pearson.—Master.

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. Radnorshire having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned in the Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Bosta delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless applied for by the Consignees by 11 a.m. To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe18

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Araratian Spear, Capt. A. B. MacLAVIN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1879. fe14

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNÉES of Cargo per S. S. Copernic, fr. m. London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 8th Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNÉES.

CONSIGNÉES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Ex "Yangtze".

H. B. (in diamond) No. 218/15, Messrs. Rose & Co., 8 cases Hosiery, &c., from London.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "NINGPO," R. Oase, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe15

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN (DIRECT). The Chartered Steamship "CHARLTON," J. JOHNSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe17

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The Steamship "SAINT MARK," Capt. T. J. JOHNSON, shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe15

FOR AMOY. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. CHILLEN, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND). The 4 1 American Bark "ELENOR," Captain SNOW, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. m10

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON). The 4 1 American Bark "COLOMA," Captain HALL, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. m13

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 4 1 American Ship "MATCHLESS," Captain DAWES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. m13

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## HONGKONG AGENT.

FROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.

L. HENRIQUIN, Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR AIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, COLOMBO, SUEZ, ISMAILLIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES.

ALSO, BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. YANGTZE, Commander, NORDREY, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 21st February, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe22

## RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned BANKS will be Closed for Public Business on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 17th, 18th, and 19th Instants.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," D. A. J. CROMBIE, Joint Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWEDLIN, Joint Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe19

## To-day's Advertisements.

WANTED. ABOUT 6 Tons of OREGON FINE PLANKS.

Apply to Capt. HYDE, S. S. Pernambuco.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe16

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 12, Julie, French barque, 504, Lannay, Mani Feb. 2, Salt.—ORDEN.

Feb. 12, Cyphreus, British steamer, 1286, Geo. Lurie, Shanghai Feb. 9, Tia for New York.—DANSON, BELL & Co.

Feb. 13, Avango, British steamer, from Canton.

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through the length and breadth of South Africa. The Zulu nation is looked upon by every native in the country as the most warlike and powerful nation in the world. Every other native tribe has been beaten by it at different times, and those best acquainted with the feelings and ideas of the native mind are of opinion that the Natal Kaffirs and many other tribes are only waiting for the first success of the Zulus to break out. For this reason much depends on the first encounter. If we are successful at first, the wavering natives will either join us or remain neutral; if, on the other hand, the Zulus gain an advantage over even a small force, there will be a general rising. It is wonderful how news travels out here, from kraal to kraal and tribe to tribe. If we had a republic it would be known in a few days to every kraal in the country, and would be exaggerated enormously. We should have enemies, not only in front of us, but in rear and on every side.

The almost complete annihilation of the 24th Regiment is probably the worst thing that could happen to King Cetewayo. Instead of the British Government being content with imposing certain reasonable terms upon that savage ruler, it will now most likely not stay its hand until Cetewayo's power is completely broken, and he is rendered incapable of further harm in the future. If the forces in Natal at the present moment are sufficient for this purpose, troops will be poured into the country from England and India until General Theigier cries "enough." It is calculated that the General has now under his command four or five thousand Europeans (regular troops, volunteers and naval contingents), and 8,000 Natives. There were actually in Natal and the Transvaal in November last, six regiments of infantry, and two batteries of Royal Artillery, exclusive of the mounted police and volunteer corps, and other European combatants. A correspondent of another paper supplies the following interesting item of news from Natal:—

The intelligence department has not been idle during the past three months, as is evidenced by the publication, by order of the General commanding, of a pamphlet entitled "The Zulu Army," for distribution to the columns in the field. It is compiled from trustworthy sources, and sets down the number of the Zulu forces at 42,000 warriors as follows:—20,000 from 20 to 30 years of age, 10,000 from 30 to 40, and the remaining 12,000 up to any age. The names, strength, residence, and distinguishing dress of each regiment are detailed, and the pamphlet is accompanied by a photograph sketch map of Zululand, and a plan of the usual Zulu attack, which latter resembles a bullock's head in shape, the horns being flanking columns, and the forehead the main body of the army.

#### REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 11th February, 1879.  
Despatches from the Cape report that the 24th Regiment has been almost completely annihilated by the Zulus, 60 British officers killed, and that Natal is considered in great danger.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Portuguese transport *Africa* is advertised to leave Macao for Lisbon direct, on Saturday next.

We hear that a Fancy Bazaar will be held at the Italian Convent, Caine Road, on Monday, the 14th April next, for the benefit of the orphans of that charitable institution.

THE 47 Koreans, which we mentioned in our issue of Tuesday as having arrived from Canton, left this to-day per S. S. *Yesso*, for Foochow, from whence they will be forwarded to Korea. The Hongkong Government officials have thus lost a good opportunity of distinguishing themselves.

MANY of our readers may have noticed a beam painted red and decorated with red cloth, suspended on some scaffolding near the P. & O. Company's Office. For their information we may mention that this is one of the time-honoured customs of the Celestial empire which all good Celestials practice. A lucky day is chosen for hoisting the beam and the work of building then proceeds, the beam being finally utilized as the centre beam of the house. Fung Shuey is not dead yet, and is responsible for this practice.

An Inquest was held this afternoon at the Temporary Civil Hospital on the body of a Chinese male, named Lai Aon, who died from injuries received by a fall. Doctor Wharry deposed to the cause of death, which was fracture of the skull. The deceased died at about 10 o'clock last night, and was admitted to the Hospital on Tuesday. Chun Shuk Tsoi, a coolie, deposed to seeing the deceased fall down some stairs at the foot of which was a stone step, and picking him up. He was bleeding from the head, and witness put some Chinese to work on the wound. After further evidence to the same effect the Jury, comprising Messrs. H. Sheppard, A. N. Love, and M. A. da Silva, returned a verdict of accidental death.

We understand that the Civilian intend having some Athletic Sports on some day not later than the 10th of March next, and if possible on a day when the Officers of both the 27th and 74th Regiments are here together. The following gentlemen have been asked to act as a Committee:—Messrs. Gibb, Payne, Jackson, Coxon, Saunders, Needham, Kelham, Munro, Hynes, and Friend. Mr. Woodhouse officiates as Hon. Secretary. A list will be found at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. for the information

of any gentleman who may wish to compete. The Sports are open to members of the German Club, Hongkong Club, Cricket Club, Victoria Recreation Club, and the Officers of the Army and Navy.

The attractions of the Flower Show did not appear to draw a large number of visitors to-day; indeed second days seldom do. But the weather was pleasant, the Band discoursed sweet music, and a few residents availed themselves of the agreeable promenade. One of the chief features of the Show has been the large number of prizes taken by Chinese, and it is to be hoped the result of this progress will show itself in a more marked manner than hitherto in the markets, so that residents generally may reap the benefit. An enterprising Celestial gardener who took a prize yesterday for potatoes "received" to have invested a few cents and bought a few samples of Californian growth from the market. As the Exhibition is not held here for the encouragement of potato-growing, the exhibitor was deprived of his honour to-day, and the prize awarded to the next man. We believe that one or two omissions have been made in the Prize List; and these corrections will be added to the report for our Overseas Edition. Mr. Dickie was ought to add, won both the Challenge Cups of the Show—one for the most creditable Exhibition of Plants and Flowers, and the other for the best collection of Vegetables; but both cups have to be won again next year ere they become his property.

THAT Captains of vessels run a fearful risk by carrying crews composed entirely of Chinese or Malays has more than once been evidenced. The men may appear docile enough whilst in port, but once let them have any fancied wrong to redress, or give them any chance of plunder, and they will soon conspire to go any lengths to attain their object. They think as little of murder as they do of slaying an ox, and the only thing which deters them from committing the most atrocious crimes is the fear of detection and punishment. So long as they are kept in check, they give no cause for alarm; but as soon as they are left to their own devices, they are as ready as the mixed European crews, and for this reason they are preferred, but in rough or cold weather they are next to useless, and it is then that the faults of the European "Jack," with all his faults, is felt. Many a shipmaster has had cause to lament having to deal with Malay or Chinese seamen at such times, quite apart from the cost-thrust and practical propensities of those races. The crew of the *Kate Walker* were Malays, and we imagine that it was a desire to redress some fancied wrong more than an intention to plunder that led them to the commission of the dreadful crime of which they have been guilty. Chinese, on the other hand, would hardly commit a deed of this sort from any such motive, plunder being the moving principle with them, while they will hesitate at nothing in order to acquire it. A great safeguard would be found if masters of vessels engaging Asiatic crews were to employ mixed crews (partly Malay and partly Chinese), in which case there would be less fear of a conspiracy.

The following passengers have been booked to the Far East:—

Per P. & O. steamer *Peshawar*, from Southampton, Jan. 9.—To Hongkong: Surg. W. P. Bridges. To Shanghai: Mr. F. A. Morgan.  
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Djemnah*, from Marseilles, Jan. 12.—To Yokohama: Messrs. Lieger and Schmoel. To Bangkok: Mr. Mrs., and Miss Francis. Messrs. H. Dyer, H. M. Nozaki, and T. W. Miller. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Messrs. Shu-Li-Chung, Cho-Pin-Shang, Van der Spek, A. E. Moll, and A. De Jongh.  
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Amazon*, from Marseilles, Jan. 26.—To Yokohama: Messrs. Kirkwood, Metzger, and Keibel. To Hongkong: Mr. F. Stewart.  
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Felbo*, from Marseilles, Feb. 23.—To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Kleinwachter.

(L. and C. Express, Jan. 3rd.)  
Latest Mail Arrivals, Yokohama (via San Fran.) Nov. 25, Shanghai 22, Foochow 20, Hongkong 28. The P. and O. mail from Yokohama 12, Shanghai 16th, Hongkong 21st, Singapore 28th Nov., reached London, via Brindisi, on the 30th ult., its due date. The following French mail, with the advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Marseilles, on the 1st inst., five days in advance of its due date. The advice from Japan, via San Francisco, was received on the 30th ult. The P. and O. steamer *Australia*, with the next inward mail, reached Suva yesterday, four days early.

The Chinese Ambassador to Russia, Chung-How, has arrived at St. Petersburg, and taken up his quarters at the Hotel de l'Europe. He visited Berlin en route, and in that city he exchanged visits with the Russian Ambassador and Jett von Bulow, Secretary of State, and gave a grand dinner in the Kaiserhof. The Marquis Tseng and suite have arrived in Paris, and he will shortly present his credentials to the President.

The French war-vessel *Kerguelen*, Commander Matibou, has sailed from Cherbourg for the Chinese and Japanese station.  
London.—Dec. 8, a telegram has been received from the master of the *Glamis Castle* (s.s.) at Coruna, relative to a collision with the *Montego* (s.), in which former was much damaged across the bow, bulkhead, stern, and beams having collapsed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### THE LUSITANO THEATRE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1879.  
SIR.—A general meeting of the shareholders of the Club Lusitano is summoned for Saturday evening next at 8 o'clock, to nullify the resolution passed by the last meeting about the selling of the theatre, and as shareholders will muster in strong number, some of them with proxies from those residing at Macao, it is confidently expected that the meeting will carry their point. The Club is not on the brink of bankruptcy, the shareholders never demanded or expected a dividend; should there be a surplus it will be reverted to the Club, its aim being purely social without any intention of gain. Where is then the necessity of selling our little theatre, depriving us of the only intellectual entertainment in

which our wives and daughters can participate? The Theatre Royal is not ours, and it would not be well for us to ask its loan for a night, in face of the policy of exclusiveness pursued by Englishmen out here—a policy that makes them respected and feared, no doubt, but never beloved. We confidently hope that on Monday we shall not have the mortification of seeing Mr. Armstrong's advertisement in your paper, and that the amateurs will again assemble for rehearsals, interrupted only by the action of the Committee.

I am, Yours obediently,  
A SHAREHOLDER.

["A Shareholder" must not overlook the fact that, while approving of the sale of an expensive building which is seldom or ever used, we did not altogether ignore the "intellectual entertainment" mentioned. The Club possesses one of the finest halls in the Colony, where performances of almost any description could be held. At least so we are informed. The question, however, is one entirely for the consideration of the shareholders themselves.—ED. C. M.]

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Chief Justice Sir JOHN STALE.)  
Feb. 13, 1879.

In re WILLIAM PUSTAU.  
Mr. Russell (Solicitor General), instructed by Mr. Brereton, appeared for the Creditors Assignee, and Mr. Johnson (Sharp, Toller and Johnson) for the bankrupt.

His Lordship commented at some length on the folly of the bankrupt's coming up for examination unless he was prepared with a complete statement of accounts. A schedule was filed by the bankrupt of his personal expenditures. In answer to His Lordship, he said:—All my personal expenditure is included in that account. It includes remittances to my wife at Hamburg. My wife has also received money at Hamburg that is not included in the Schedule.

His Lordship said that in that case it was not a complete account. Besides the Ordinance required a bankrupt to furnish a complete statement of accounts. He (the Judge) had thought a good deal about Colonial discharges in bankruptcy, but he had perhaps better not say what was the conclusion he had arrived at regarding them. Addressing the bankrupt, he said he thought a discharge from the Kingdom of Prussia would clear him everywhere. Now don't shake your head, he said, I do not think you are sufficiently educated to understand it. Mr. Russell can tell you that a discharge from the Imperial Court held good throughout the world.

His Lordship continued to say that when he came to this Colony he had been of opinion that a Colonial discharge was useless in such cases—could any impugning of the discharge be of any use to him in his native country?

The bankrupt said that the firm at Hamburg was quite a distinct firm. There were four partners here; he (Mr. Pustau) had six or seven-tenths.

His Lordship enquired if he could not state the exact proportion.

Mr. Pustau said that his book-keeper should know.

Mr. Von Böhmer, the book-keeper, was here called forward and said, he did not know, as there was no statement of partnership accounts in the books.

The bankrupt explained that the account was kept at Hamburg, and, after a moment's discussion, Mr. Von Böhmer was put into the witness-box and sworn. He stated:—I have been book-keeper to the firm of W. Pustau & Co. for the last 7 years. The books disclose who the partners are. I produce the book in which this is shown.

His Lordship (looking over the Schedule):—Why, Mr. André, you said there were no assets; why there are \$55,000 of assets!

Mr. André, (looking at the Schedule):—The book-keeper told me that the actual assets were very small, my Lord.

His Lordship:—Some of the debts are bad and some good, but the money is yours—the money is the creditors' and not the Court's.

Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Pustau was now prepared to swear that he had a seven-tenths share in the business.

His Lordship:—Show me the books. The bankrupt:—The books are all in Court, my Lord.

His Lordship:—Show me the entry. (Books examined, when it was found impossible to ascertain the exact Shares of each partner.) His Lordship said that it was not his duty to examine accounts; he had to do was to sit down and listen and perhaps read the newspapers.

Mr. Von Böhmer then explained that the junior partners had a guarantee of so much, and if the profits exceeded the amount of the guarantee, they received a percentage. Mr. Donner had been a partner for two years.

Continued:—He head ledger will show the division of profits at the end of each year.

His Lordship:—Where is it? Witness:—At the Office.

His Lordship:—At the Office! why is it not here? Witness:—One book is kept in single entry, and one in double entry.

Continued:—In the beginning of 1878 I was at the books; Mr. Pustau, Senior, and Mr. Pustau, Junior were in the room. I was given notice by one of the partners, I cannot say which, that I had to give credit to Mr. Pustau for \$4,000. Mr. Siegfried resides at Shanghai; he is a partner here.

His Lordship: How many partners are there? I understood there were only three.

Mr. Russell:—Four, my Lord.

His Lordship said, this matter would take days to decide. The better way would be to adjourn the case sine die, with liberty for Mr. Pustau to apply to the Court when he thought he was ready to pass. At present it was impossible for Mr. Pustau to pass. It was not the duty of the Court, he said to go into accounts; he (His Lordship) was the very last man who should go into accounts. He was only there to discuss and decide upon any defined question put before him.

Mr. Pustau, in reply to his Lordship, said the schedule he filed when he first became a bankrupt did not contain a statement of all his debts. He accounted for this by saying that the house at Shanghai kept separate books, and there were separate accounts kept at the Hamburg house. The Hamburg house was held to be liable, I said, he said, neither the knowledge nor the means to furnish full particulars. I may mention, my Lord, that I have been urged

by telegram to return home at once and settle affairs there.

His Lordship:—I really think it would be the best plan. Now have you seen a statement in the *China Mail* that was copied from the *China Express* showing your assets and liabilities. I should not have read it perhaps, but I did so; one cannot shut his eyes altogether to what he sees in the papers. Is that an approximate statement of your affairs?

Mr. Pustau:—No, my Lord, in that statement the property in Hongkong and Canton has been heavily mortgaged and that does not appear there—(Looking at the paper.) It does not include many of my creditors at Hamburg.

His Lordship:—How many? Mr. Pustau:—I do not know, my Lord.

His Lordship:—Oh! but you must know. I shall have to adjourn this until you find out.

Mr. Pustau:—I venture to say there are \$300,000, or \$400,000 due by me to creditors in Hamburg, not included in the printed Schedule.

By Mr. Russell:—The letter-press copy produced is the same as appears in the newspaper. In that statement the Hongkong and Canton property is given as not mortgaged. That is not true. I cannot say how that is. I have received a copy of that statement. I received it the mail before last.

His Lordship said, that he thought they were getting a little into details which might be better taken before the Registrar. Of course, if Mr. Russell liked to proceed, he could do so, but he (the Chief Justice) thought it would be better to go into these matters before the Official Assignee.

Mr. Russell said, that he only examined the witness owing to a question which had been thrown out by His Lordship.

His Lordship:—What question? Mr. Russell explained that the bankrupt had said that his Hamburg house was not bankrupt, and he wished to ascertain whether or not he had received a copy of the Schedule as published in the papers. It would appear that the creditors at home had been led to believe that the property here and at Canton was not mortgaged, and the assets were thus made to appear much greater than they really were. The creditors were thus inclined to think that it was merely a question of time, and were therefore inclined to give the bankrupt 3 years to clear up his affairs. The fact was, the property both here and at Canton was heavily mortgaged.

At the suggestion of Mr. Johnson, the bankrupt said:—I wish to state why some of my Hamburg Creditors are not included in the Schedule. The commission business brought out to China was arranged for financially by the Hamburg house, and most of the consignments obtained advances through the Hamburg house. Several of these preferred their claims here in Hongkong instead of claiming against the Hamburg house, and thus they tried to gain a double advantage, by proving against the two estates. I therefore inserted those who elected to prove against the estate here, but the others I did not insert.

The case was then adjourned sine die, with liberty for the bankrupt to have a final examination by giving three days' notice.

#### IN re THEODORE PUSTAU.

The case of Mr. Theodore Pustau was then adjourned from Chambers into Court. The proceedings before the Registrar were then read and were to the effect that the examination was opened by Mr. Wotton before the Registrar, and the proceedings stayed by Mr. Toller, who was for the bankrupt, unless a certain paper marked A was withdrawn. The paper was read by order of His Lordship and was as follows:—

"Memo.—Stopped by order of Registrar of Supreme Court.  
"Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, 29th January, 1879.  
The proceedings before the Registrar were in consequence stopped, as Mr. Theodore Pustau refused to answer any questions.

His Lordship said that he had never heard of such an insult ever being offered to an officer of the Court before. He was astounded that any gentleman practising at this Court could be guilty of such an offence. There was a gentleman (alluding to Mr. Theodore Pustau) who had refused to answer any question put to him. He (His Lordship) knew what the consequences would be in England. He did not mean to say for one instant that Mr. Toller would lend himself to be guilty of such an offence for any sinister motives, but no one had a right to dictate to an officer of the Court what he should or should not do. He (His Lordship) had thought it nothing but right that this matter should be spoken of in open Court. He had taken the case privately as a matter of courtesy. The fact was—and he wished it clearly understood—that no legal adviser had a right to be present on such occasions. It was injudicious. Here was an enquiry interrupted in which there might have been—he did not say there was—thousands of dollars involved. He had known Mr. Pustau for many years, but he had a duty to perform. The Court then rose, and the case was taken in Chambers.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)  
13th February, 1879.

THE "BLACK WATCHER'S" STRIKE.  
John Buck, Hans Halvorsen, and William Young, seamen British barque *Black Watch*, were charged with being stragglers from their ship. They acknowledged belonging to the vessel, but said they would never do another stroke of work on board. They had been brutally treated on board. They had been before a Court of Enquiry, and the Court had decided in the Captain's favor.

His Worship sentenced them to be kept in gaol until the departure of the vessel, at Captain's option, such term of imprisonment not to exceed three months.

#### A DEAR GAME AT FANTAN.

Lum Akwa, a showmaker, was fined \$5 or 3 months' hard labour for playing at fantan in the public streets.

#### EXPOSÉ OF FAL.

Rhummet Khan (P.C. No. 838), was fined 10 shillings for assaulting a blind man with his staff. It was shown in evidence that the man was doing no harm, and he said that the Constable brutally assaulted him. The defendant said that he wanted the man to get out of the way of a carriage; but a witness stated this was false, as there was no carriage near.

#### A SPECIAL CONSTABLE.

Mr. Andrew Miller, a plumber, No. 1, Queen's Road East, was summoned for

allowing a ferocious unmuzzled dog to be at large, which bit one Ho Aman and tore his clothes. It would appear that the complainant was passing the defendant's house at 11.45 p.m. when the dog rushed out and bit him. In reply to the Magistrate he said he had a pass (pass produced and found to bear the name of Ho Atat). The summons was therefore dismissed, as the complainant was evidently out with a pass improperly obtained.

#### ALLEGED BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Cirino, a Manila watchman employed by the P. & O. Company, was charged with assaulting one Abdul Mahomed and cutting him about the head and body. The wounded man had to be sent to the hospital, and the case was therefore remanded for one week, defendant being admitted to bail in two sureties of \$50 each.

#### MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Enquiry was held on 11th at the Harbour Office to investigate certain charges brought against Captain Messrs Henry Kerruish, master of the British barque *Black Watch*, by some of the crew.

The Court, comprised, Messrs C. V. Creagh, Acting Police Magistrate (President); J. P. McEuen, Acting Harbour Master; A. Melver, Official Justice of the Peace; R. H. Cairns, Government Marine Surveyor, and Captain J. Butler, Master British steamer *Moray*.

Mr. Dennys appeared to watch the case on behalf of Captain Kerruish. The question arose as to Mr. Dennys's legal status in the Court. The Court took no objection but was anxious to establish a precedent. The information in complaint having been read evidence was called.

William Young, an able seaman on board, deposed as to his having signed the document in question, and then related what he knew of the matter. He said that he himself was never struck, threatened or abused by the Captain, but he had seen a man named Hansen kicked by him until he was half dead, and brandy had to be poured down his throat to revive him. This occurred at Ilolo. The Captain struck the same man the next morning. Witness also saw the cook abused and beaten. The cook subsequently refused duty, and was kept in lock to work.

In answer to Mr. McEuen, witness admitted that the cook as been derided owing to his incompetency.

Witness then related a few other cases in which members of the crew had been ill-treated or beaten. He acknowledged that he had been acting as 2nd mate for some time, and was derided owing, he said, to his having had a drop of drunk whilst the ship was ashore in the Bancea Straits. The Captain had abused every one of the crew and called them all brutes and curs. The Captain did not know anything about his defendant's having a drop of drink until his wife told him, as he (Captain Kerruish) was too far gone himself.

Mr. McEuen said that statement could not be allowed, as there was nothing of the sort mentioned in the charge.

In continuation, witness stated that no one else besides himself could have seen the cook struck, unless it was the man at the wheel. He swore he saw blood on the cook's face. Who he (witness) got drunk he took a bottle of whisky that he saw lying in the cabin and drank two glasses of it.

In reply to Mr. Dennys, witness stated that he came on shore to see a Magistrate on the 12th December without leave, and was returned to the ship intoxicated. He was also charged with desertion and ordered to forfeit 18 days' pay, and had six weeks' imprisonment.

William Young, the ex-cook and steward (who appeared in Court in gaol livery), was next called and deposed to the thrashing he had received at the hands of the Captain. The captain he said, had repeatedly threatened and struck him. On one occasion, last April, he struck witness on the eye with his fist because he had neglected to boil a piece of fish. He made no mark. On another occasion he was struck with a hammer on the hand. On the 8th May the Captain struck witness owing to something being wrong with the handle of the coffee-mill. He kept on striking him for about ten minutes. Witness's eye was blackened, his lips cut, and face cut open. The last witness was present the whole time. Witness begged the Captain not to murder him; and he didn't. On the 17th June witness got another dose; this time the instrument of torture was a panacea. The Captain, it would appear, had wielded this deadly weapon in a masterly manner, and slapping witness in the face with it and rubbing it round his "chops." Witness succumbed to this treatment, and fell flat upon the plank. The mate was not present whilst this painful tragedy was being enacted, but was evidently a party to it, as he pushed witness into the cabin in the first instance. After thus suffering at the hands of the Captain for some considerable time, cook was handed over to the tender mercies of the Captain's accomplices, who at once clapped him in irons. Later on he was led before the Captain, and whilst in this helpless condition had something read to him about the spoiling of provisions. (The entry referred to was pointed out to the Court by Mr. Dennys, and alluded to provisions which had been spoilt by the witness in his professional capacity as a cook.)

The witness continued to relate other instances of ill-treatment to which he had been subjected. On one occasion he refused to turn to as an ordinary seaman, and the Captain had said to him "If you don't turn to as a seaman, the Lord help you." Cook refused to work for twelve days and was put on short commons, and finally gave in. Cook had not seen since 1842 and had never been subjected to such treatment before. He had seen the Consul at Ilolo but had not told him all he now put in the Court.

An extract from the log was then put in, which was as follows:—"Ilolo, 20th August.—At the request of Wm. Currow, formerly of L. steamer, and A.B. on board my ship, but now reduced to C.B. for C.B.M. Consul. On his appearing before H.B.M. Consul, he informed him that he had been badly treated by me, especially as regards mustard plasters when he would not work. H.B.M. Consul answered him he was quite right to bring to his notice any ill-treatment he had received during his service on board my ship, and that he would at once send on board for any of the crew so that he could investigate the matter. As I totally denied his statement, his answer was there is not one of the crew will or can come to prove it. H.B.M. Consul asked him again if there was no one to come and prove it, he answered no, no one. H.B.M. Consul then

told him that he had no case, so dismissed him and ordered him on board to do his duty in the capacity of O.S. to which he had been reduced.—Signed H. P. Gray, Vice-Consul."

Cook was then questioned by the Court about his habits and said that it took very little to make him drunk.

Captain Cairns told him that in that case he should drink water.

Cook continued:—I was glad enough to get anything. I would rather be in gaol ten to one than be outside. It was very good of the Governor to liberate me, but I'd done me no good.—(Laughter.)

Cross-examination continued:—I don't recollect anything about any pickles, but the captain took me up in his arms—(laughter), and put me down at the latrine to look for them. I didn't know whether I was on my head or my heels at that time. When I was before the Consul at Ilolo I told him that I had no witnesses. When the captain was thrashing me he said, "I know I shall have to pay for it, and I'll give you your whack." When I was struck in the galley there was no skin broken, only my lips. My nose was bleeding a good deal, and I went about the decks afterwards with black eyes, black ears, and both lips out. After I was directed I slept in the cabin, then I was put in the forecastle. Since my arrival here I have been punished three times, not five times; oh! yes, I have been four times. I was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for refusal of duty and was released in four weeks, when I was sent on board and was asked to turn to, which I refused to do. My pay as cook and steward was \$4 10s. a month, and \$4 15s. if I cooked to the captain's satisfaction. I was directed to the captain's satisfaction. I was directed on the 17th June, when I was reduced to \$1 per month. I have seen Hansen beaten by the captain.

The first witness (recalled) said that his pay was \$2 10s. per month. He had heard that the pay in Hongkong was \$3 15s.

Hans Halvorsen, another seaman, next gave evidence as to the bad treatment he had received at the hands of the Captain.

John Buck, an able seaman, deposed to seeing the last witness struck. He had heard the Captain threaten to shoot the last witness, and a man named Smith was threatened with a crowbar.

Augustus Peterson said that the Captain had threatened to cut his head off once when he was on the top gallant yard. He had seen some of the other men beaten but had never been beaten himself.

William Smith, an able seaman on the *Black Watch*, said—One day when he was at the wheel the captain took hold of him, and threatened to knock his brains out; that when a ship was nearly running into a rock at night, and the binnacle lamp was out, he had been called a cur and a brute. He saw the beating the cook got. The cook's eyes were black and blue.

By Mr. Dennys:—I deserted at Ilolo. I think being called a brute and a cur is enough to annoy any man. Both doors of the galley were open when the cook was beaten, I could not say if any person was looking in at one of the doors, because I was looking through a crack and could only see in one place.

After the evidence of William Tait and John Tait had been taken, which was of the same trivial nature, Mr. Dennys addressed the Court, which was then cleared; and on resuming the following finding was delivered:—The Court finds that the two principal charges brought against the captain by William Currow and Hans Halvorsen have already been decided by the Consul at Ilolo, who dismissed them as frivolous; and, the complainants having brought no further evidence, the Court does not find it incumbent on itself to reconsider these charges. With reference to the minor charges, the Court considers that the gross misconduct and incompetency of the complainants exonerate the captain from blame, and therefore adjudge that his certificate be returned, and that the costs of this inquiry be paid by the complainants."

#### Quotations.

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